

# WHISPERING PINES SUMMER YURT GUIDE<sup>2016</sup>

Whispering Pines yurt is ideally located for summer use. Many miles of old roads and single-track trails are easily accessed from here. The yurt is located in a shaded area off the north intersection of the Gold Fork Loop and the Lodgepole trail. At an elevation of 5900 feet and in the shade of large evergreens the yurt is guaranteed cool evenings and breezes all summer long. Numerous large trees nearby provide shade for picnics. There is room for a tent if you have extra people. The yurt site is usually snow free early May to early November.

## PLEASE READ THE SUMMER YURT MANUAL FOR MORE DETAILS

### **Combination to the yurt, It's your responsibility:**

To contact the yurt coordinator by email [deetta.petersen@idpr.idaho.gov](mailto:deetta.petersen@idpr.idaho.gov) or by calling 208-514-2418 no less than one week to 48 hours in advance of your arrival in order to acquire your yurt access code. Failure to contact the yurt coordinator will result in inability to obtain entry to the yurt. No refunds are given for failure to obtain door access code. All correspondence must include reservation number, phone number or name on the reservation and yurt booked. **Take the combination with you.**

### **How To Get There**

Drive to the Gold Fork Park N' Ski parking lot, 20 miles north of Idaho City on Highway 21, just past mile marker 59. Take the road at the north end of the parking lot and drive for 2.2 miles to where you will see the intersection signs for Gold Fork, Moose and Lodgepole. Trails are marked with blue and yellow diamond shapes, called blazes, attached to trees. This intersection is the summer parking area. Look for the 2' yellow blaze and hike or bike the single-track trail to the yurt site, about 400 yards. **You cannot see the yurt from the Gold Fork/Moose/Lodgepole intersection.**

### **Elevation Change and Distance:**

From the Gold Fork Park N' Ski parking lot, 350 feet climbing over about 2.2 miles (one-way). From the summer parking spot there is very little change in elevation.

### **Dogs:**

Dogs are allowed at this yurt year around.

### **Solar Power:**

This yurt has a solar unit with four lights. Please do not change the panel location. Use the lights when needed, turn them off when not in use and at the end of your stay.

### **Wood:**

Wood for the stove is located under the deck. Wood for the fire pit should be gathered from the surrounding area. Please use downed, dry timber, as it helps clean up the area and aides in fire protection.

### **Water:**

You must haul in your own drinking water in the summer season. We recommend you haul it in on a wagon or wheelbarrow. As close as the summer parking is to the yurt, bring the water in your vehicle and take it to the yurt as needed. A water tank is located on site and is refilled

about every three weeks. This water is not for drinking but may be used for cleaning and washing. Please conserve this so others have water for their stay.

**Equipment Needed:**

Bring two (2) one-pound propane bottles per each night of your stay, a packet of lantern mantles and a roll of paper towels. **A list of recommended items for your yurt trip is at the back of the summer yurt manual.**

**Maps Needed:**

Idaho City Area Yurt and Trail System, Whispering Pines Summer Trail map (on website)

**Global Positioning System Locations**

**UTM (in NAD 83):** Note UTM's are rounded to nearest 10 meters

**Gold Fork Parking Lot:** 11T 0611770 4871910

**Whispering Pines Yurt:** 11T 0611090 4872620

**Altitudes:**

**Gold Fork Parking Lot: 5,240 feet**

**Whispering Pines Yurt: 5,563 feet**

**Safety:** The nearest land line is in Lowman. For emergencies call Boise County Sheriff:

**1-208-342-4411** or in a medical emergency: **911**. There is cell phone coverage for most cell phone systems at the high point on the Elkhorn trail once you're on top of the Banner Ridge. There is also coverage on the Stargaze trail near Beaver Creek Summit on Highway 21.

**REPORT YURT DAMAGE OR MISSING ITEMS TO 208-514-2418 or 208-514-2419**

**PLEASE, DO NOT FEED ANY WILD ANIMALS.  
IT CAN LEAD TO THE ANIMALS CHEWING OR TEARING THE YURT SKIN.**